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# HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

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A RESOLUTION honoring Elizabeth Robinson and Betty Blankenship.

*Whereas, The professional careers of Elizabeth Robinson and Betty Blankenship have furthered the cause of equality for women;*

*Whereas, In 1968 the Indianapolis Police Department, the first police department in the country to assign two female officers to patrol on an equal basis with the male officers, assigned Elizabeth Robinson and Betty Blankenship to patrol in a squad car. They were the first female officers in the United States to be assigned to squad car detail;*

*Whereas, These two women were pioneers in the effort to*

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*establish equality for women in law enforcement. Their achievement is remarkable in light of a recent study that indicates only 14.3% of law enforcement officers are female, with an annual increase of only 0.5%; and*

*Whereas, It is through the commitment, persistence, and courage of women such as Elizabeth Robinson and Betty Blankenship to the field of criminal justice that parity between men and women will be achieved in law enforcement and other professions: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2           acknowledge the tremendous contribution to the equality of women in
- 3           the workplace made by Elizabeth Robinson and Betty Blankenship.
- 4           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5           Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Elizabeth
- 6           Robinson and Betty Blankenship.

